

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A device for retaining a fuel pump in a fuel container of a motor vehicle, with a pump holder, with first retaining means of the pump holder, provided for supporting on a baffle pot, and with second retaining means of the pump holder, provided for supporting the fuel pump, and with a damping device connecting the first and the second retaining means to one another, the retaining means being manufactured from plastic, the first retaining means, the second retaining means and the damping device being manufactured as a single piece, in that the damping device has arms which are angled away from each other, and in that during a movement of the fuel pump the arms are subject to at least a torsional or a bending load, wherein the arms of the damping device include an annular element 12 connected to the first retaining means, at least one first vertical arm 13 connected to the annular element, the at least one first vertical arm extending substantially in a vertical direction and first and second horizontal arms extending substantially horizontally and angled away from the first vertical arm, the first and second horizontal arms being spaced apart in the vertical direction, and at least one of the first and the second horizontal arms is designed as [[an]] another annular element, wherein a second vertical arm 15 connects the first horizontal arm and the second horizontal arm of the damping device, and wherein only the second horizontal arm of the arms of the damping device is directly connected to the second retaining means.

2. (Canceled)

3. (Previously Presented) The device as claimed in claim 1, wherein the first retaining means are designed such that they are supported radially on the inside of the baffle pot and such that they rest axially.

4. (Currently Amended) The device as claimed in claim 1, wherein the second retaining means have a section of pipe length surrounding the fuel pump.

5. (Currently Amended) The device as claimed in claim 4, wherein the second retaining means have latching hooks, arranged on the section of pipe length, for retaining the fuel pump.

6. (Previously Presented) The device as claimed in claim 1, wherein the first vertical arm has a radially inwardly pointing hook, and in that the hook limits the vertical movement of the second retaining means.

7. (Currently Amended) The device as claimed in claim 4, wherein an annular element connected to the first retaining means has a radially inwardly pointing supporting element situated spaced apart from and opposite to the section of pipe length of the second retaining means surrounding the fuel pump, at a designated distance[[.]]

8. (Previously Presented) The device as claimed in claim 1, wherein the single-piece component comprising first and second retaining means and the damping device is manufactured from plastic by injection molding.

9. (Previously Presented) The device as claimed in claim 1, wherein the fuel pump has an annular, elastomeric sealing element for the annular sealing of an opening arranged in the bottom region of the baffle pot.

10. (Previously Presented) The device as claimed in claim 9, wherein the sealing element has an obliquely angled sealing lip, and in that the free end of the sealing lip rests on the bottom of the baffle pot.

11. (Previously Presented) The device as claimed in claim 1, wherein the first retaining means are designed such that they are supported radially on the inside of the baffle pot and such that they rest axially.

12. (Currently Amended) The device as claimed in claim 1, wherein the second retaining means have a section of pipe length surrounding the fuel pump.

13. (Currently Amended) The device as claimed in claim 3, wherein the second retaining means have a section of pipe length surrounding the fuel pump.

14. (Canceled)

15. (Previously Presented) The device as claimed in claim 3, wherein the first vertical arm has a radially inwardly pointing hook, and in that the hook limits the vertical movement of the second retaining means.

16. (Previously Presented) The device as claimed in claim 1, wherein the single-piece component comprising first and second retaining means and the damping device is manufactured from plastic by injection molding.

17. (Previously Presented) The device as claimed in claim 1, wherein the fuel pump has an annular, elastomeric sealing element for the annular sealing of an opening arranged in the bottom region of the baffle pot.

18. (Previously Presented) The device as claimed in claim 3, wherein the single-piece component comprising first and second retaining means and the damping device is manufactured from plastic by injection molding.

19. (Previously Presented) The device as claimed in claim 3, wherein the fuel pump has an annular, elastomeric sealing element for the annular sealing of an opening arranged in the bottom region of the baffle pot.

20. (Previously Presented) The device as claimed in claim 1, wherein only the first horizontal arm of the first and second horizontal arms is connected directly to the at least one first vertical arm, and wherein only the at least one first vertical arm of the arms is directly connected to the first retaining means.

21. (Currently Amended) A device for retaining a fuel pump in a fuel container of a motor vehicle, comprising a pump holder including:

first retaining means for supporting the pump holder on a baffle pot;

second retaining means for supporting the fuel pump; and

a damping device connecting the first and second retaining means, the damping device comprising a first annular element and a plurality of arms, wherein

the arms are subjected to a torsional or a bending load when the fuel pump in the second retaining means moves relative to the first retaining means, thereby effecting an elastic retention of the fuel pump, wherein the arms include:

at least one first vertical arm connected to the first annular element, the at least one first vertical arm extending substantially in a vertical direction and further connected to the first retaining means;

first and second horizontal arms spaced apart in the vertical direction, each of the first and second horizontal arms comprising annular elements, only the first horizontal arm of the first and second horizontal arms being connected to the at least one first vertical arm, the second horizontal arm of the first and second horizontal arms being connected to the second retaining means; and

a second vertical arm connecting the first and second horizontal arms.

22. (Currently Amended) The device as claimed in claim 21, wherein the second retaining means includes a section of pipe ~~length~~ for receiving the fuel pump, the first and second horizontal arms surrounding a circumferential surface of the section of pipe, ~~length~~[[.]]